

REMARKS

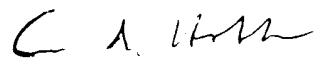
Applicants express their appreciation to the examiner in the courtesy extended to the applicants' representative during a telephone conversation on August 14, 2003, in which the examiner clarified that the due date for response to the Office Communication of July 29, 2003 is August 29, 2003 with no extension fee due.

In the specification, the paragraph starting from line 10 on page 12 has been amended to add sequence identification number of the amino acid sequence as requested by the examiner. Figure 1 has also been amended to add the same. Support for the insertion of the sequence identification number is self-explanatory, as the same sequence can be found at the sequence listing submitted on February 4, 2002 based on the specification and Figure 1 as originally filed.

No fee is believed to be due. Should any fee be required, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and notify applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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